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Greetings all. Following and attached is a statement by the Government of Georgia on the WTO negotiations. Best Regards, John

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The final Swiss proposal guarantees the international supervision of all trade and cargos.

The Georgian government thanks the Swiss mediation.

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